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1. PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA AND FONMIN ALOYS
NSEKALJE DEPART MAY 20 TO ATTEND FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT.
AFTERWARD, HABYARIMANA WILL CONTINUE ONWARD TO BELGIUM FOR PRIVATE
VISIT AND BRIEF VACATION.

2. TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO RWANDA ARE
LISTED TOGETHER WITH REMARKS OF ONMIN DURING
RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW:

A. LACK OF PROGRESS ON THE NIEO: "DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED THAT CERTAIN
OF THEIR PROPOSALS FOR REFORM HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED...
HOW CAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ABDICATE RIGHT TO FIX
PRICE THEY WANT FOR THEIR MANUFACTURED GOODS....ONE
MUST RECOGNIZE PARIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT A SUCCESS
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BECAUSE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DID NOT ENTIRELY
MOVE AWAY FROM THEIR SELFISH ATTITUDE AND IDEAS."

B. SECOND LOME CONVENTION: "RWANDA HAS RECEIVED
AN EXCEPTIONAL AID OF 4 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT
FROM EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND....ONE OF THE MOST
USEFUL AND EFFICIENT DONORS....THE EXTENSION OF

GENERAL PREFERENCES TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE ACP ZONE
CONSIDERABLY ERODES ADVANTAGES TO ACP
STATES...AID TO REGIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
SHOULD BE INCREASED....CEPGL SHOULD BE ACCORDED
ASSOCIATE STATUS WITH ACP-EEC CONVENTION."

C. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1979 FRANCOPHONE
SUMMIT TO TAKE PLACE IN RWANDA.

3. INFORMALLY PRESIDENT/FONMIN LIKELY TO EXPRESS
CONCERN OVER SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA,
USING THAT ON TOP OF OTHER ARGUMENTS WITH INDUS-
TRIALIZED FRANCOPHONES TO JUSTIFY APPEALS FOR
ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA'S ARMED FORCES.

4. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL, FOR THE RECORD PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA
DID RPT DID ATTEND LAST YEAR'S FRANCOPHONE CONFERENCE
DAKAR. INDEED, IT WAS ON THAT OCCASION THAT RWANDA WAS
CHOSEN TO HOST NEXT YEAR'S FRANCOPHONE CONFERENCE IN
AFRICA.
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